

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1623 - SB 1984**

March 11, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the sale of unpasteurized dairy products directly to consumers under certain circumstances and authorizes the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and set standards by which the safety of unpasteurized dairy products will be tested and regulated by the State. A state-approved independent lab shall perform tests on all samples of unpasteurized dairy products and the results of these tests shall be maintained for two years. All unpasteurized dairy products shall be labeled accordingly. Creates Class C misdemeanor for violation.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$47,400**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Costs to the Department of Agriculture for one position, travel for inspections, supplies and other related expenses due to an increase in the number of inspections that are required of the estimated 30 unpasteurized dairy facilities and approximately 150 retail outlets where the product is offered for sale.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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